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Amendments To The Specification:

Please replace the second paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 11 to read as follows:

In a high-velocity flame spray method, a flame generated by combustion of a fuel and oxygen, or by combustion of a fuel and air is used as a heat source for thermal spraying. A flame temperature in the high-velocity flame spray method is relatively low. Therefore, as described in Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No.: ~~10-60617~~ 10-060617 and Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No.: 11-222662, it is difficult to thermally spray ceramics having high melting point by the high-velocity flame spray method.